

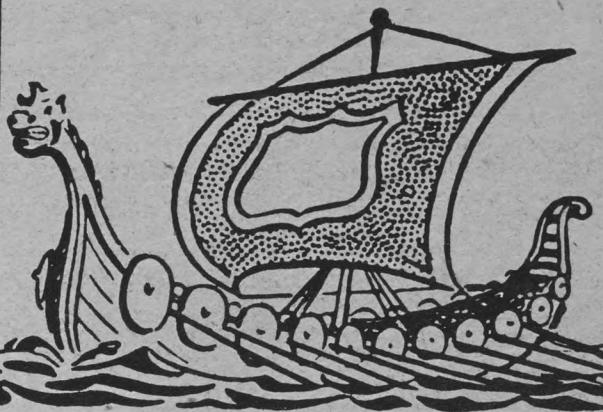
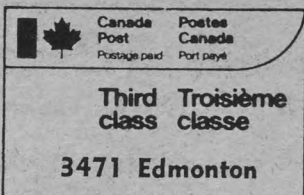
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## Scandapades '80 FEATURES AAGE GRUNDSTAD



Aage Grundstad

Chairman Gary Johnson announces the signing of Aage Grundstad of Norway as the Guest Star of Scandapades '80 to take place on March 13, 14 and 15.

Mr. Grundstad, a well-known Norwegian accordionist, will headline a Scandinavian Variety Show involving the participation of local singers and dancers.

The Show will follow a genuine Scandinavian dinner, and on Friday and Saturday evenings dancing to Scandinavian music will follow the Show. For the non-dancers the Thursday dinner and Show is featured at a reduced rate.

Tickets are at a premium, so order now from the Scandinavian Centre at 453-5145.

## AAGE GRUNDSTAD

Aage Grundstad, accordion player and folk musician, has visited all the Scandinavian countries, England, Scotland, Germany, Belgium, France, Iran, Japan, Korea, Uruguay, the United States of America and Canada.

Born in Vefsn, Norway, he took private lessons on the accordion in Oslo, Norway, from 1945 to 1950. From 1945 to 1947 he was a student at Oslo Music Conservatorium, and from 1959 he has been a teacher for accordion students at Veitvet Music School, Oslo. In 1967 he took an examination at the same school in music and song, teaching young people. Since 1975 he has been teaching at Baerum Community Music School.

He made his debut on Radio Norway in 1946, and is the author of Accordion Books 1 - 3 for Groups, 1965, Finger Practice, 10 Lessons, 1965, Accordion Album, 1978; he has recorded oldtime dances from Norway and Norwegian folkdances. He has also contributed to Accordion Magazine since 1971, and is a member of the Norwegian Accordionists Association, the Norwegian Music Association, 1946-, and TONO International Music Association.

In 1945 he won Second Prize in the Norwegian Championship, and was made an Honorary member of the Norwegian Accordion Association in 1979.

## SCANDAPADES '80

MARCH 13, 14 AND 15

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plus

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# SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

For various reasons it has not been possible to hold Board meetings on their regular date for the past couple of months, and the result has been that we couldn't coordinate with the publication of this newspaper; however, we are now back on schedule with both Board meetings and the paper.

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## At the Centre —

As usual there was frantic activity at the Centre from the last week in November until Christmas. The quantity and quality of the food that comes out of our inadequate kitchen is a continuing source of amazement, and the fact that all our weekends are booked for the whole year speaks for itself. We are most fortunate to have Jens Gron in the kitchen!

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## Scandapades '80 —

Under Gary Johnson's direction this year's event promises to be a really entertaining cultural performance — with a terrific dinner. See the front page for details and make your reservations early.

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## Newspaper —

With the new year we are back on schedule and the paper will come out close to the first of each month.

We are now mailing approximately 1,000 papers, and we want to thank all those who have subscribed.

Again — we would appeal to our readers for articles and/or pictures — especially since some of our correspondents are not submitting any material at all.

We also apologize for some confusion in the change-over which resulted in a few subscribers not receiving their newspapers, and also thank you for your patience.

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## Annual Meeting —

It is important that as many shareholders as possible come out to the annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 27; tentative drawings of the new Scandinavian Centre will be on display.

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## Development —

Your Board has been continuing to look for suitable property for the new Centre we must have and for a time became quite enthusiastic about a building which lent itself extremely well to removal for a new Centre. However, the City would not allow us to develop banquet rooms because of the parking problem at that location.

However, every cloud has a silver lining, and in the course of investigating this site another exciting possibility was discovered and was thoroughly investigated. An offer has been made on 15,000 square feet of property at 104 Street and 105 Avenue (see diagram), the cost of which is \$50.00 per square foot; the offer is, of course, subject to the City granting us a development permit, but we are optimistic that this will be forthcoming.

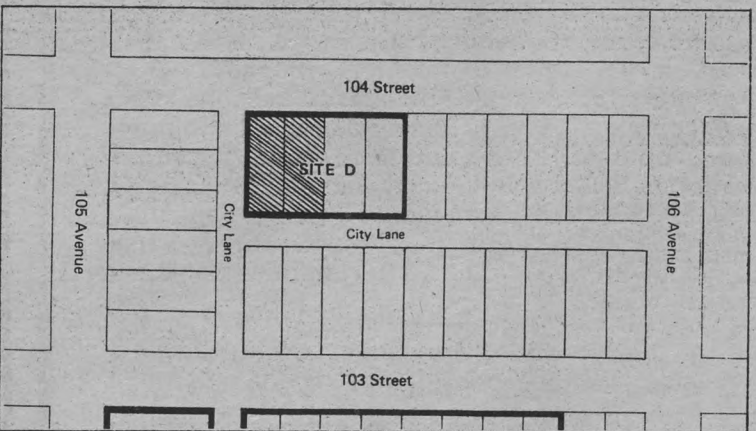
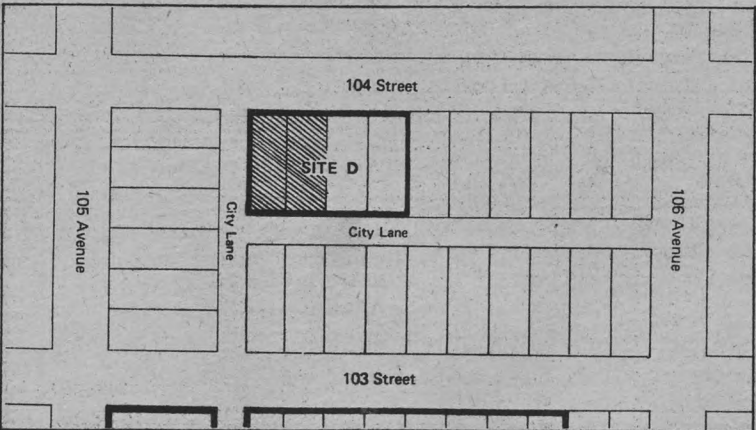
This area is part of the planned development of Downtown North, which involves the relocation of the CN tracks, and is easily accessible by E.T.S. A future LRT station is planned approximately one block away.

The present plan is to build 1½ floors of underground parking, which will comprise 50 stalls. Our usable space will be 20,000 square feet - 12,000 square feet on the ground floor and 8,000 square feet on the second floor, all built around a courtyard and having an outside cedar finish.

An area holding approximately 150 people, complete with a kitchen, is planned for the exclusive use of the ethnic groups. We will also have a restaurant for approximately 150 people a lounge for approximately 75, and a small delicatessen on the ground floor.

We are in the process of discussing layout with the architect, and the drawings will be shown to shareholders at the annual meeting on February 27th. We look for a good turnout.

We still do not have a final decision from the City as to what course of action they are prepared to take with regard to our property.



The two hatched lots marks the property we are buying.



# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Bob Burt



## Events for 1980 —

- February 13 - General Meeting
- February 22 - SPORTS WEEKEND
- March 12 - General Meeting
- March 22 - Kon Tiki
- April 9 - General Meeting
- May 17 - Syttende Mai
- May 14 - General Meeting
- June 12 - 22 - St. Hans Fest (Mini Meeting)
- September 13 - Barbecue and Mini Meeting
- October 8 - General Meeting
- October 25 - Leif Erickson Banquet and Dance
- November 12 - General Meeting
- November 23 - Lutfisk Dinner (Sunday)
- December 5 - Election and Bingo
- December 14 - Kids' Christmas Party and Pot-Luck Supper

Helge and Lillian Nilson left on January 15th flying direct to Bridgetown, Barbados, where they will bask in the sun for ten days, returning brown as berries. They can't go far, since the island is only 26 miles long and a mile wide.

Astrid Hope made a surprise Christmas visit to her mother, Mrs. Lydia Tagseth, at Govan, Saskatchewan.

John Hope was in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for three weeks recently and is now recuperating at home.

Kris Nyhus is organizer for Edmonton Zone No. 6 ski competition eliminations for competitions in the Alberta Winter Games, this year to be held in Grande Prairie on February 29, March 1 and 2. This competition is a preliminary to the National Ski Competition when there will again be a team picked by elimination.

Make sure you order your tickets early for Scandapades '80.

Next month's correspondent will be Edith Johnson — phone her at 489-3509.

## EXECUTIVE REWARDS

On Jan. 12 a meeting was called at the Centre for the OLD AND NEW EXECUTIVES OF SOLGLYT.

When a person joins a club, he or she should understand the aims and purposes of that lodge; and quickly does once he becomes involved. An executive member pledges support to help and bring about a successful term. There is a great deal of work, sacrifice, co-operation and satisfaction involved.

Saturday evening the outgoing and Incoming executives got together to pass over needed instruction; thanks for the old, a helping hand for the new, and appreciation for all. It is times like this when the most active members get together and enjoy their rewards. A short business meeting was held at which time plans for the coming year were discussed, with aids and warnings cited. Then all joined in for a fun nite.

A most successful skit was put on, narrated by Bea Huser and everyone enjoyed the humor and action. It is hoped this play will be

seen again. Following this there were games galore, more skits and music by Harv Haugen. Pictures were taken of the Old and New Executive for the Historian and future records; a light luncheon was provided as well. The Freeloaders closed the evening with a lively dance.

It was felt unanimously that if all general meetings were like this one, the hall would be jumping, membership swamped, and the club just one happy family. Let's look to the coming year with anticipation and togetherness, you only get out of the activity what you put into it.

The February meeting will be Box Special; everyone brings a BOX LUNCH for auction, not just the ladies, men as well.

The March meeting will be announced. The April meeting, an EASTER PARADE of home-made bedecked hats (MEN AND WOMEN) "OH, WHAT A PARADE". MAY MEETING: The Scona Sr. Citizen's Kitchen Band will entertain. Let's everyone get behind the programs and get in step.

# SOLGLYT EXECUTIVE INTRODUCED



Janette Burt,  
President, Solglyt Lodge

President —

**JANETTE BURT:** Historial for past number of years, active member in all categories; always there, dependable. Member since 1971.

Vice-President —

**NORMAN LEGAARDEN:** Second term Vice-President. Curler, active in drama, a willing prospect. Member since 1976.

Secretary —

**BEA HUSER:** Active at Language Camp. 2 years as Secretary. Always willing and ready with a program. Member since 1972.

Assistant Secretary —

**MINNIE TOWNSEND:** Active traveller, enjoys music and gambling. Promises to be a go-getter.

Financial Secretary —

**RUTH LOGAN:** Held this job so long we can't get along without her. A guiding light. Long-time member - 1952.

Treasurer —

**BETTY McKEVITT:** Has held other executive positions including Assistant Marshall. Second term as Treasurer. Member since 1961.

Social Director —

**SANDRA NIELSEN:** 10 years with Danish Society; active in all capacities including curling.

Assistant Social Director —

**GWEN LEGAARDEN:** Active in community work. Director for Senior Citizens in Strathcona area. Member since 1976.

Counsellor —

**GARY JOHNSON:** Two years President. Supreme Zone Director. Director on Scandanavian Centre Board, Ski for Light. Member since 1969.

Historian —

**JAN BURT:** Held position for over five years, won shield for District and runner-up for past number of years.

Sports Director —

**VERN STEINBRU:** Skier and interested in all sports, a live-wire. Member since 1976.

Marshall —

**ROY SUNDBY:** CNR Conductor, enthusiastic dancer. Retiring this year. Energetic, willing and able. Member since 1975.

Assistant Marshall — Publicity Director —

**BOB BURT:** Willing horse. Marshall for past three years. Public Relations since joining in 1971. Torske Klubben treasurer.

Trustees:

**HENRY LOGAN:** A guiding light, active in all capacities. Specialty nominating committee. Member since 1952.

**GLADYS CLARK:** First lady President of Solglyt. Active in all executive positions since 1961.

**WALLY BROEN:** The strong, silent type. Our past Flying President. Strong as Trustee. Past Boss of Torske Klubben. Member since 1966.

# ALL OUT FOR SKIING

by Bob Burt

Members and guests attending the January 8th meeting of the Torske Klubben were again treated to an excellent feed of Black Cod. Norwegian "GLØGG" (Hot wine punch) was introduced as a "Welcome Drink"; Akvavit was served with the meal.

An exceptional turnout was present to watch Les Finch (Irish), demonstrate how to wax and prepare their skis for various types of weather and snow conditions. Les was knowledgeable on the subject, for he loves the sport. He applied Base Tar, running wax, blue, green and purple waxes, as well as red, purple, blue and green Klusters, giving their uses. Many interesting questions were asked and much was learned by those present.

Ole Hovind, who has been on skis the greater part of his life, was the guest speaker. He brought a pair of cross-country skis to Canada over 30 years ago, but the sport was not popular at that time. He has been instructing and promoting skiing through the Sports and Recreation Dept.

Films on Cross-Country skiing in Canada and the U.S.A. were shown. The film "Skinny Dip" was fine cross-country skiing in eastern Canada. A second film, a Fisher Film was taken around the Devil's Thumb Ski Touring Center in Colorado. These films were very good, and certainly portrayed performance, stance and procedure.

Kaare Askildt spoke of the Ski for Light fund-raising Supper held January 10th, and of the two blind skiers going to Norway to compete. The Nordic Ski Club promotes cross-country skiing and the "Ski for Light" program.

Elmer KANKKUNEN, President of the Nordic Division was also present at the supper. Ole Hovind spoke of this club and its aims: Education (Direction), Racing, Touring, and the Social Aspect; monthly meetings are also held.

Les Finch co-ordinates and prepares for the Annual City Tour Ski Event. This year held February 3rd. Over 600 participated last year, and they expect 1,000 this year. Ski runs have been laid out in Rundle Park; 4, 5, 20, 30 and 40 kilometer courses are in use.

Boss Ken Domier named Sev Berg as Vice Boss, Inge Anderson in charge of the Bar, Bob Burt again treasurer and publicity; other assistants will be named later.

Two new members were initiated at this meeting, Don Sjolie and Verner Steinbru (Sports Director). The next meeting will be held Feb. 15th, when the "Tenth Anniversary" will be celebrated. Elaborate plans are being made to include all past Bosses, and many original members will be present. Sig Sorenson will outline the origin and the expansion of the club to the present time. Guest speaker for the evening will be world-known Diplomat, Chester Ronning of Camrose. He will speak on "China and Today's World."



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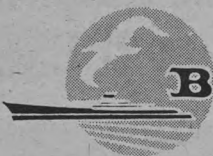
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# VASA LODGE NORDSTJARNAN

by Annie Holmlund

Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575 Falun once again held a successful lutefisk and meatball supper on November 24th in Wetaskiwin; approximately 600 people attended.

Vasa members enjoyed the Christmas party which included a program, dancing around the Christmas tree, and the Hunger March. A special visitor arrived from the North Pole with treats for the kiddies.

The evening concluded with a pot-luck supper which featured traditional Scandinavian dishes.

Holidaying in Hawaii recently were William and Jessie Flinkman.

Congratulations to Ben and Lydia Holmlund on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. A dance and presentation were held at Falun Community Hall on December 15th.

Helping celebrate this happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pubentz, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart from Vancouver; and Mr. and Mrs. William Hussel, Kamloops.

Get well wishes to Anna Bloedel, John Remen and Carl Hanson who were hospitalized recently.

Holiday visitors with Harry and Lynn Holmlund were Murray and Bev Holmlund, C. Gagowchuk, L. Pubentz, Gerald and May Sjoberg from Edmonton; Glenn Byerley, Vegreville; Arnold and Lilly Pubentz, Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Remen spent a few days with their daughter, Elaine, and family at Okotoks.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thorsen were their son, Marvin, and granddaughters from Melfort, Saskatchewan.

Astrid Nystrom, Blairmore; Joy Nystrom, Calgary; Ed and Barbara Lind, Sherwood Park; were holiday visitors with Gudrun Lind.

Dan and Bertha Edin spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Bill Hill of Grande Prairie.

Roger Olson of Prince George spent the New Year's holidays with his sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Elton Garbe. Also out for New Year's Day was Eleanor Olson from Vancouver, visiting her dad, Norman Olson, and Uncle and Aunt, Elton and Bernice Garbe.

Jean and Norm Bauer, Medicine Hat; Doris and Clyde Krause, Calgary; Faye and Waldy Hugel, Calgary; were holiday visitors with Annie Holmlund.

Reynold Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. D. Sorensen were holiday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Sorensen in Regina.

Henry and Monica spent a few days in Prince George visiting Monica's brother, Ernest Best.

Anna and Paul Bloedel had their family all home for New Year's. Cay Hesby, Calgary, was also a New Year's visitor.

Sherry and Bill Hill of Grande Prairie spent a week in Edmonton recently combining business with pleasure.

Sympathy is extended to Bert Brown, Carl and Lena Brown, and Olga Brown on the loss of their brother-in-law, Eric Aronsson from Alsterbro, Sweden.

Happy New Year to all!

# PER SpELMAN HAN HADe . . .

If Berliners never had an idea what Norwegian folklore music sounded like, 'Aage Grundstad, OSLSL, gave them a taste of it.

During a recent barbecue grill party in the Berlin Hilton, arranged by Stig Rosén, BERSA, for some 60 travel agents, Aage entertained the guests not only with typical Norwegian music but also surprised them by playing well-known German popular songs.

He has been in Germany several times before and proved his skill with the accordion. Among other occasions, he has performed with the SAS folklore dance group from Stockholm in the Frankfurt Union Club.

# VENOASEN'S ON THE GO

Ivor and Martha Venoasen of Edmonton left Christmas day with Henry & Lois Venoasen and their children, Lori, Jan and Bonnie, of Millet, for Phoenix, Arizona for Christmas holidays. They enjoyed a resort vacation, returning January 12th.

The adults, together with Oscar and Hilda Venoasen, are planning a Hawaiian vacation in February. They will join Dale and Olga McBride who are already there. Following a family vacation in Honolulu all plan to return February 22nd. What a way to go!!

The McBrides have not missed a "Winter Sports" Weekend this far; but with all this excitement they might just have to let it go by the boards this year.

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# RECIPE FOR "GLOGG" (also NAMED "BUVIK Special")

Serves 4 to 6 people:

- 1 bottle of red wine
- 1 glass of sweet wine, Madeira or Sherry
- 2 decilitres (2/10 litre) of brandy
- 50 grams (2 ounces) of raisins
- 50 grams (2 ounces) of almonds
- 250 grams (1/2 pound) of sugar
- 4 pieces of clove
- 2 pieces of cinnamon-bark
- A small amount of bitter-orange peel

Scald the almonds. Cut them into small pieces, mix all the ingredients in a pot or a stewpan and warm up until the sugar has melted. The "glogg" should be served quite warm, and is excellent as a welcome drink on cold winter evenings.

# DANISH FETA DIP

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 200 ML Danish Feta cheese, finely crumbled | 1 tbs. freshly chopped dill    |
| 100 ml sour cream                          | 1 tbs. freshly chopped chives  |
| 1 clove of garlic                          | 2 tbs. freshly chopped parsley |
| 2 tsp. lemon juice                         | 1 tsp. sugar                   |

Mix all ingredients in order given. Blend well. Cover and chill to allow flavours to blend.

Suggestions for dippers:

- cauliflower flowerets
- sliced cucumbers
- celery sticks
- chips

# DANISH CAMEMBERT LAYER CAKES

- 1 round Danish Camembert cheese
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon Danish Blue cheese
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons pitted sliced grapes, or diced apple

With a sharp knife, cut camembert in half lengthwise, forming 2 round layers. In a small bowl, blend Danish Blue cheese and cream cheese with sherry to soften; and almonds and grapes. Reserve 1 tablespoon cream cheese mixture for garnish and spread remainder on bottom layer of cheese. Carefully place top layer on filling. Garnish with reserved cream cheese mixture in center on top. Add a few more almond and grape slices, for decoration.

# CREAMY DANABLU DRESSING

- 1/2 cup Danish Blue cheese (2 1/2 ounces)
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon grated onion
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic, mashed
- Fresh ground pepper

In small bowl, cream Danish Blue cheese with fork. Blend in mayonnaise, sour cream and remaining ingredients. Refrigerate for 3-4 hours to blend flavours.

Makes about 2 cups.

# DEEPFRIED DANISH CAMEMBERT CHEESE

In Denmark hot fried Camembert is served with buttered toast and homemade jam. it is delicious as cocktail snacks or as a light dessert.

- You need: Danish Camembert Cheese (fresh or canned)
- Flour
  - Eggs
  - Bread crumbs
  - Oil

The cheese must be cold. Cut Camembert into small wedges. Lightly coat wedges in flour. Dip each wedge in slightly beaten eggs and coat in fine bread crumbs, then refrigerate. You can prepare the Camembert cheese several hours before frying. Fry cheese until golden in 1 1/2 inches very hot salad oil about 1 1/2 minutes, drain briefly on paper towels. Serve hot with toast and your favorite jam.

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## DANIA DOINGS

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We hope to see you all there!

by Gertie Holmgren

Our regular February meeting was held in the Scandinavian Centre on February 14th.

Those who are, or have been, ill are Joyce Kay Salema, Milda Anderson, Minnie Markstrom, Earl Erikson and Bill McMaster; we wish them all good health soon.

Correspondence included a thank-you note from Magnus and Betty Pearson of Vancouver for the roses received on their 60th wedding anniversary, as well as a card from Mona and John Cumberbatch of Umea, Sweden.

A pot-luck supper will be held in the Scandinavian Centre on March 9th, and a Mini Vasa Lapp may be held some time in February at Vasa Park. A children's camp week will be held July 6th to 13th at Vasa Park for children of our members.

The Travelling Viking travelled with a group of members to a Buford Lodge meeting in late November and found a temporary home there; some time soon he will travel on.

Installation of officers for 1980 took place. Our new executive is as follows:

Chairman - Ray Nyroos  
Vice-Chairman - Ken Banks  
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Assistant Master of Ceremonies - Dez Desautel

Before closing the meeting our chairman, Ray Nyroos, thanked the various committees for their work. Usually forgotten and taken-for granted, these committees, be they one-person or group committees, work hard to make our various projects successful. Our chairman said they were very much appreciated and thanked us all sincerely.

District Master Lloyd Erikson from Branting Lodge, Calgary, was present and brought greetings from the District. He congratulated our chairman on his

handling of the meeting and wished us all the best in 1980.

In case anyone is interested, there will be a group of gymnasts from Vasteras, Sweden, in Calgary on Saturday and Sunday, July 5th and 6th; the group consists of persons age 15 to 75.

Rita and Bob Brown from Vancouver spent Christmas in Edmonton with Rita's parents, Oscar and Winnie Pearson.

Earl and Florence Erikson of Kelowna spent a few weeks at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Joe Sykes. They were dog-sitting while the family was away in Hawaii.

Anna and Ragnar Roos and Glenn Hallen spent a couple of weeks in Hawaii during our cold weather.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Modin family on the loss of their mother, Hilda. Sympathy is also extended to Grace

Maxwell, Florence Erickson, Rosella Forsberg and Lillian French.

On Sunday, December 9th, a group of young persons presented the Festival of Light at several places in Edmonton.

Under the direction of Anne Sorensen the group travelled around the city, ending their tour at a pot-luck supper at the Scandinavian Centre where Santa put in an appearance, a Linda Hazelwood, the Queen of Light, was presented with a token of our appreciation by Ray Nyroos.

The group visited Augustana Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant Auxiliary Hospital, Southgate Auxiliary Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Scandinavian Consuls' Reception - and of course the Christmas party at the Scandinavian Centre.

Thank you, Anne - the presentation gets better each year. Congratulations.

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by Astrid Hope  
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## CULTURAL CORNER

On November 13th Astrid Hope responded to a request from Marjory Finstad at High Park Elementary School with a short talk about Norway and a display of crafts and artifacts to four classes, Kindergarten included.

On December 6th the Freeloaders again played Norwegian Christmas Carols at the Bonnie Doon Shopping Mall. It was a sparse audience, but towards the end we received requests for carols from a recent newcomer from Oslo.

On December 14th delegated members of Scandinavian Clubs braved one of the worst days of the winter, complete with terrible traffic conditions, to tape a program for CITV's 'Village Square' with host Glenn Corness.

Astrid Hope coordinated the Show. For the Norwegian section she chose a timely ski theme which involved a display of skis and ski-wear.

Representatives of the various ski sports were there. Ole Hovind, an old ski pro (fast becoming Edmonton's Jack-Rabbit Johannsen) spoke on the start of skiing in Edmonton and showed some very interesting photographs. As well as being Edmonton's jumping champion, with many trophies to prove it, Ole still teaches cross-country skiing for the Parks Department at Riverside.

We were very fortunate to have Gunnar Sveinungsgard, originally from Norway and now living in Grande Prairie, with us on the Show. He is one of the oldest cross-country skiers still competing, and took part in the Nordic Ski Club race in February, 1979. He was "pretty near born on skis" he says. He represented Norway on the cross-country ski team in 1928 and 1932 Olympics, and has written books on skiing "Skiing in Nordic Style" can be purchased in local book stores. Gunnar is an uncle to Kris Nyhus, who is presently President of the Nordic Ski Club.

Sidsel Bradley represented Kaare Askildt, President of Ski for Light. Also present was one of the two members of Canada's National Team for the Handicapped Olympics which is to be held in Norway in February this year - Bill Thompson, who is going to try to 'harvest the gold'. We wish them both great success.

There is beginning to be a new awareness of what blind, and other handicapped, people can do, and more research is being done to enable them to participate. Sidsel is an instructress for blind skiers at Rundle Park.

Sweden was represented by Linnea Lodge and Beulah Hinton,



Gwen Legaarden and her Seniors



Astrid Hope with Christmas Display at Scona



Ole Hovind and Gunnar Sveinungsgard with Glenn Corness



Sidsel Bradley and Bill Thompson with Glenn Corness

who displayed numerous artifacts and glassware.

Leif Oddson represented Iceland; Anneli Thurlin was there with the very popular Finnish Dancers and a sauna display. Representing the Danes was Eric Pedersen, who has been with the CKUA Scandinavian program for many years.

Each group spoke on topics particular to their country and presented slides pertinent to each. Almost everyone wore the costumes of their respective countries.

The Freeloaders were there, supplying their Scandinavian tunes and wearing Sons of Nor-

way ski caps for the occasion.

Watch for the Show on ITV. At the time of writing it is reported that it will be screened some time in March.

Following the program taping, the Freeloaders and escorts had a get-together for Del and Doreen at the Husers'.

The Multicultural Heritage Centre at Stony Plain has notified Astrid Hope that three of the seven recipes which she demonstrated for 'Ethnic Cookery' in 1975 have been included in their practical, unique and interesting cook-book called 'A Taste of Culture'. It is available from that

Centre.

On December 21st Gwen Legaarden, Coordinator for Scona Place Senior Citizens, had on her program 'Christmas of Other Lands', and invited Astrid Hope to represent Norway.

For her display she had a miniature Christmas tree decorated Norwegian style, and other Christmas-oriented items, and she told a very attentive 35 people of the different customs and traditions of Christmas.

A special treat for the day, which everyone was looking forward to, was home-made ice cream made by the Seniors; it was

delicious! They also got to sample lefse, along with other goodies and coffee.

Each received a gift, compliments of the Soroptimist Club.

Gwen is doing remarkable work in preparing unique programs all through the year and doesn't miss a chance to put emphasis on any one date (like with Bobby Burns Day coming up - wear your plaids!) or stretch the imagination to a trip to Hawaii (with grass skirts, etc.). She said 500 participated in December, and all told 5,000 came into the Centre last year. They all look forward with great anticipation to the next event. Great inspiration, Gwen.

## THE WORLD'S OLDEST SKI JUMP

The Holmenkollen Ski Festival in Oslo March 3-11 is the stellar ski event in Scandinavia. It attracts the world's outstanding skiers in downhill, slalom, cross-country and jumping. The high light is the final event, the ski jumping contest on "Holmenkollen Sunday" March 11. The jump this year will mark the 100th anniversary of this spectacular event, making it the oldest in the world. It will be witnessed by over 80,000 spectators, headed by the King and the Royal Family.

It all started February 12, 1979 in nearby Huseby. At that time the longest jump was some 60 feet, whereas today the record is no less than 300 feet.

Part of the special mystique of the Holmenkoll ski jumping tower is due to the rule that no one may use it except during the Holmenkollen Week. This ensures that the jumper from the USA stands an equal chance with the Oslo boy. Participation is also very restricted; only the very best ski jumpers may enter. The jumping tower itself is 184 ft. high, and its

summit is 1,350 ft. above the fjord overlooking Oslo. The hill has a built-in ski museum, the world's oldest, as well as a restaurant.

Among the many other ski events during Holmenkollen Week one can mention: three World Cup competitions with Sweden's world champion Ingemar Stenmark participating in the slalom event; a children's race with some 4,000 little participants; a race for handicapped persons; and the Holmenkollen march for amateur skiers which last year attracted over 7,000 participants.

But the Holmenkollen Week is not for skiing only. There are opera and ballet performances as well as a special Holmenkollen concert March 3 by the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra. For the art lovers there are many museums to choose from, among them the outstanding Sonja Henie - Nils Onstad Art Center, donated by the famous Norwegian ice skating star and her husband, the Edvard Munch Museum with the world's finest Munch collection, the unique outdoor Vigeland sculpture park and many others.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF TORSKE KLUBBEN

by S.A. Sorenson

It was during a coffee break in a downtown restaurant that I first spoke of the idea of a Torske Klub to Inge Anderson. So I suggested to Inge - who don't we organize a Torske Klub based on the model in Minneapolis, Minn. to attract the business and professional man.

On August 8, 1969 I wrote to Bro. Magne Smedvig, then General manager of Sons of Norway for more information. Information I got, but was disappointed to learn that the Torske Klubben of Minneapolis was not an arm of Sons of Norway, as it is here.

Rules were formulated after the fashion of the Minneapolis club. We set our membership at 50. Only when a member dropped out could a new member be initiated and so a waiting list was set. Later the membership was raised to 75.

At the beginning all meetings were luncheons held at 12:15 p.m. as in Minneapolis. Then some supper meetings were introduced, and today all the meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. From the beginning it has been a fun club with outstanding speakers in attendance. Our first annual ladies night was held on Tuesday,

December 5, 1972, and is now an evening looked forward to by all.

And so with the groundwork laid, the first invitation was sent out January 26, 1970 to the newly recruited members - fifty in all. It was, and is, the rule that they be members of Sons of Norway, and that Torske Klubben support a worthwhile project of Sons of Norway.

The first historic meeting was held Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1970 at 12:15 p.m. sharp. The speaker was Dr. Chester Ronning, world famous diplomat. It was indeed a pleasure for me to preside over the meeting, and to see elected as the first officers - Harvey Haugen - Boss, Inge Anderson - Treasurer, Grant Erickson - Secretary. Mr. Roy Faltinson took several pictures and one of the whole group. (See the Scandinavian News of March, 1970 Page 5).

Each "BOSS" made special contributions to the outstanding success of the club. The following is a list of the Bosses for the past ten years.

1970 - Harvey Haugen  
1971 - Inge Anderson  
1972 - Sig Sorenson  
1973 - Anders Anderson  
1974 - Anders Anderson

1975 - Douglas Peterson  
1976 - Ross Fowler assisted by  
- Kris Nyhus  
- Wally Broen  
- Victor Lillo

1977 - Wally Broen  
1978 - Ellsworth Halberg  
1979 - Kenneth Domier  
1980 - Kenneth Domier

The most outstanding project of the club, spearheaded by Anders Anderson with the assistance of many others, has been the annual Sons of Norway Language Camps. The success of this project is a story in itself.

During the first years the Ladies Sewing Club of Sons of Norway prepared the Torsk and all that went with it, and did an excellent job.

A Scandinavian book of humour could be written if all the excellent humorous stories told at the club could be recorded.

At our meeting on November 6, 1979 it was a unanimous decision of the Club to incorporate under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta. Among the advantages of incorporation is the fact that cultural grants for the continuation of the Language Camps would be easier to secure.

Long live Torske Klubben!





Presentation of the Ultimate Honorarium for valuable assistance rendered in the furtherance of the work of the Order of St. John. Instructor for 10 years and Brigade member for the past several years, Bob Burt received the Certificate in recognition of his diligent service.



by Anja Sahuri

The annual meeting of Finnish Society of Edmonton was held on January 13, 1980 at the Scandinavian Centre starting at 2 p.m. with twenty-one members present.

The meeting was opened by President Erkki Makarainen, who thanked the past directors for work well done.

V. Kujala was the acting chairman for the meeting with A. Sahuri as secretary.

Pentti Sipari was elected as the President of this year, and the elected executive for coming year is as follows: Vice President and P.R. Secretary - Janna Geitel; Secretary - Marja Tiittanen; Treasurer - Anja Sahuri; Membership Director - Pauli Vanhala; Sports Director - Elmer Kankkunen; Other Directors - Erkki Makarainen, Anneli Thurlin, and Kati Vaisanen.

Anneli Thurlin was elected as the chairperson for the ladies' group.

Membership fees were changed as follows: initiation fee will remain at \$1.00 but the yearly membership fee was raised to \$5.00 per person.

The Auditors are Sirkka Ristola and Leena Vanhala, with John Rama and John Sahuri as deputy auditors.

Correspondent for Vapaa Sana is Erkki Makarainen and A. Sahuri is the correspondent for Scandinavian Centre News.

Erkki Makarainen will look after the equipment and Bertha Rama is in charge of sending flowers.

Sirkka Ristola will take membership fees for Suomi Sura R.Y. Helsinki as before. The meeting concluded with coffee prepared by Mrs. Makarainen and Mrs. Utunen.

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## JULEN I DE GAMLE DAGER

by Astrid Hope

'Christmas in the Olden Days' - this was to be the theme of the Sons of Norway Children's Christmas program this year.

In anticipation of having a Christmas tree with home-made decorations, about 12 young folk and some parents met at Astrid Hope's to make them on December 2nd. We made mousetraps, julenisser, and woven hearts, with the help of Paula Jacobson.

Astrid Hope was the Master of Ceremonies and spoke of Christmas in the beginning and intermittently of Norway with its different customs and traditions. They are still alive today, and hopefully will survive for generations to come.

The program started with the audience singing "Glade Jul, Hellige Jul" during which the young folks proudly hung their gay decorations, completely transforming the tree; it looked beautiful!

A playlette - "Reisen til Julestjerne" - (Search of the Christmas Star) was done by several young people. In the first scene Christine Berg was the princess, Glenna Peterson the King and Barbara Broen the Queen. In the latter scene Jan Olafson was the Princess, Casey Huser and Roland Hill were the thieves, Anne Broen was the Guard and Wise Man, and Joanne Olafson was another Guard.

This play has been done in Oslo Theatre for the past 50 years, and when Walt Disney tried to get the copyright to do this on film he was refused. In Norway, of course, this is a very big production with lovely costumed courtiers, birds and animals and many extras. The children mimed some of the main scenes while Bea Huser read it in short form. The manually-drawn curtain was the responsibility of Doug Peterson and Bernie Olafson, who stole some of the show!

A series of Norwegian Carols and English Carols by request was played by the Freeloaders with great gusto; we are sorry that this was the last performance with Del Melsness at the piano, Del and Doreen having left now for their new home in B.C.

The next item depicted New Year's Eve in the Klondike at the time of the Gold Rush - "New Year's Eve" by an old tramp. Very good disguise, Bea, and well done!

Several children's tunes were sung while waiting for Santa Claus (Bob Burt), who joined them around the tree to the tune of "Jef er saa glad hver julekveld" and then distributed bags of goodies to all the children.

We had a fine Christmas smorgasbord laid out on a long, Christmasy-decorated table covered with gay red tablecloths. (Thanks to all the members for their contributions.)

Harry Huser said the Norwegian grace, and during supper we were very honoured to have some special entertainment: Cindy and Lisa Schmidt danced to 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'; Cindy performed an acrobatic number to the tune of 'Silver Bells'; and Nadine Veis, Jody Synshyn, and Lana Schmidt danced to "I Believe in Christmas". All the performers came back for an encore - "I Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Their costumes were most beautiful and appropriate for each number; they are students with Louise's School of Dancing and are friends of the Veis family.

Good fellowship prevailed and the party was enjoyed by all of the fifty-some people who shared the Children's Christmas party.

## ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Ninna Campbell

#### DATE TO REMEMBER

March 1st - Thorrablot

Mr. and Mrs. I.N. Bjarnason of Brandon, Manitoba, have been spending Christmas holidays in Edmonton (with Ninna and family), Westlock (with Hulda and family) and in Morinville with Niels.

Congratulations to Eric Oddson on his engagement to Karen Pipe; the wedding will take place in March.

Dave and Loni Hagan were up for the Christmas holidays.

Solli and Shirley Sigurdson and boys enjoyed the Christmas season in Manitoba; the weather was unseasonably warm, just like here.

Vidur Gudmundson went to Iceland for the holiday.

Oscar and Brynja Valdimasson have just returned from a trip to the States.

Next month's correspondent is Shirley Sigurdson - phone 437-2923.

Happy 1980 to you all!

## NEED EXTRA MONEY?

The Scandinavian Centre is looking for mature ladies to help serve our banquets! If you can work on either or both Friday and Saturday evenings, we'd like to hear from you. The hours can amount to anywhere from 4 to 14 per day, and you would require your own transportation. Wages are \$5.50 per hour. Please phone the Centre at 453-5145 and arrange for an interview.

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ANOTHER SEASON IN COPENHAGEN

There is a special beauty about a Copenhagen winter, for it's the time of the year when the city is at its liveliest and most fun loving; it's the time of the year when the city is carefree and uncrowded, when most tourists go home and leave Copenhagen to the Copenhageners. It's also the time for bargains, reduced prices and very affordable off-season vacations. The Copenhagen Tourist Association and the Danish Tourist Board welcome Winter 1979/80 with the "Winterfull Copenhagen" discount coupon book. "Winterfull Copenhagen" is an equivalent to last winter's "Copenhagen A La Carte" program and is valid October 1st, 1979 through April 30, 1980. The book contains 16 coupons which equals a \$50 total savings on things to do and see in Copenhagen during the winter. "Winterfull Copenhagen" is a must for anyone spending a minimum of one night in the Danish capital. The coupon book can be picked up at any SAS ticket office in Canada, when booking a flight to Denmark, at the Danish Tourist Board in Toronto, or at the Copenhagen Tourist Association's office at Vimelskaflet 41 in Copenhagen. Coupons in the "Winterfull Copenhagen" discount book entitle visitors to free entry to Daddy's disco any weeknight; free entry

anytime to "Vin Og Olgod" Music Hall, an old-time beer hall complete with oom-pah-pah band and dancing on the tables; reduced entry to Montmartre, Copenhagen's biggest and one of its hottest jazz clubs; reduced entry to most of the city's museums, including such unique ones as the Mechanical Music Museum, the Toy Museum, and Tussaud's Wax Museum; reduced entry to the Copenhagen Zoo, as well as discount on refreshments, luncheons, and dinners at various restaurants etc. Also included is a roundtrip ticket on the Copenhagen-Malmö (Sweden) ferry for \$4.50 during certain hours that features a hydrofoil ride one-way. Winter bargains in Copenhagen don't stop with this discount book offer; in fact they just begin. For instance two of the city's first class hotels, the Sheraton Copenhagen, and the Hotel Scandinavia, are offering their own winter-weekend bargain rate for visitors to the city, who overnight Friday, Saturday, or Sunday between October 1st, 1979, and April 30, 1980. SAS rounds out the winter hotel savings in Copenhagen with its Business Traveler's Special. For as low as U.S. \$37.95 per person for the first night, businessmen flying SAS to Copenhagen can choose between the Palace, Imperial, Kong Frederik, or Admiral

hotels, all first class properties. The price includes round-trip transfers, continental breakfast, hotel service charges, and taxes, and additional nights and spouses rates are actually prices lower than the first night. Winter bargains in Copenhagen extend to the arts as well. The entertainment season is at its peak in winter with both the Royal Danish Ballet and Opera staging regular performances. Ballet and opera, both subsidized by the Government, are priced lower than just about anywhere on the Continent - tickets for both range from a low of \$4 to \$15. This season the Royal Danish Ballet celebrates the centenary of the death of the great Danish master August Bournonville with a festival of his greatest and most loved works. The Bournonville Festival runs November 24-30 at Copenhagen's Royal Theatre and offers several price ranges. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre in Copenhagen. Information is obtainable through the Danish Tourist Board in Toronto. As you'll see there is a lot of things to do in Copenhagen, even in the wintertime. The city is never dull. For further information please contact: The Danish Tourist Board, 151 Bloor Street West, Suite 880, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1S4.

Letter to the Editor  
PAST DIRECTORS' CLUB

What has become of the Past Directors' Club? Did it dissolve with the 1978 committee under President Anders Anderson? If so, what's the reason? I was elected as Social Director, attended one meeting discussing fund-raising using casinos in August, 1978. What has happened since then? Can someone please fill me in on the details? It will be greatly appreciated. Doesn't anybody care any more? Claus Jacobsen

FIRST AIRPORT HOTEL TO OPEN IN HELSINKI

The first airport hotel in Finland will be built by Rantasipi, one of the largest hotel and restaurant chains in that Scandinavian country. The new seven story hotel, which will rise near Helsinki International Airport, is expected to open in April 1981. Until now, the Helsinki airport area has had no hotel accommodations to offer air travelers, especially those just overnighing in the capital. The new hotel will have 176 double rooms, two suites, a 250 seat restaurant, bar and cafeteria for 150 guests. There will also be nine special meeting and conference rooms for 12 to 20 people each; a sauna section of three saunas and an indoor swimming pool, beauty parlor and barber shop; even a bank. Rantasipi management has earned a reputation in Europe as experts in catering to meeting and convention groups. Included in the building plans of the new hotel is a large sauna that will have an adjoining room, where meals can be served to convention members meeting there. The most modern equipment and conference facilities, also, will be available to groups. Rantasipi numbers 13 hotels in its current chain, situated in various parts of Finland.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Matt and Hildur Myhre of Dawson Creek, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 1st with an Open House at the home of their son, Walter Meyer, in Edmonton. Many of their old friends were present to help them celebrate. The family gave their parents a trip to Hawaii. Matt lived in Edmonton and was on the executive of S/N for some time prior to their move to Dawson Creek. Hildur was most active in all kitchen activities in Sons of Norway during that period. Matt and Hildur wish to thank all those good friends of Edmonton and district who were present for their anniversary.



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Nordic Sun and Tropic Breeze



<b>Tropic Breeze</b> 1 Part Finlandia Vodka 3 Parts Tomato juice and a few dashes of Tabasco	<b>Nordic Sun</b> 3,5 Parts Finlandia Vodka 1,5 Part Dry Vermouth Shake with cracked ice — add a slice of lemon	<b>On the Rocks</b> The pure taste of Finlandia Vodka is at its best in this drink
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